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## *Fire Staff Managing High Meadow Fire 55 Miles Southeast of St. George, Utah*

**St. George, Utah** —On July 15, 2015 fire staff from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Strip District responded to a smoke report near Mt. Trumbull and Potato Valley on the BLM Arizona Strip. The lightning-caused High Meadow Fire is located approximately 55 miles southeast of St. George, Utah. The fire is 19.5 acres in size and is in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument portion of the BLM Arizona Strip.

Resources on the fire include 1 engine crew and incident command staff. The fire is burning in open Ponderosa pine and pinyon and juniper and burned actively overnight.

“The terrain, much like the Mt. Emma Fire, is remote, steep and rocky so we’re again working to balance fire fighter safety with feasible fire management tactics,” said BLM Arizona Strip District Public Affairs Specialist Rachel Carnahan.

There are no road or trail closures anticipated at this time. Smoke may be visible from St. George and Kanab, Utah; the town of Fredonia and the North and South Rim in Arizona.

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